

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1709**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer L. Flanagan***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to strengthen impact, efficiency and accountability in the government-nonprofit partnership.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1709) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to strengthen impact, efficiency and accountability in the government-nonprofit partnership. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1645 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to strengthen impact, efficiency and accountability in the government-nonprofit partnership.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2 62 the following section:—

3           Section 63. (a) There shall be a special commission on government-nonprofit  
4 partnerships. The commission shall study and report on the critical issues affecting nonprofit  
5 and government contracts and collaborations. Its review can include but shall not be limited to:

- 6 (i) methods to improve efficiency in grant and contracting systems utilized by the  
7 commonwealth and nonprofit entities; (ii) the feasibility of eliminating any redundant,  
8 unreasonable, or unnecessary laws, regulations or policies that negatively impact nonprofit-  
9 government contracting or funding; (iii) methods to improve the government-nonprofit

10 partnership by increasing the use of data and technology to inform decision-making and  
11 oversight; and (iv) current contracting and payment processes between the commonwealth and  
12 nonprofit entities, including a review of late payments and their impacts on service delivery and  
13 the operations of nonprofit entities.

14 (b) The commission shall include: 1 person who shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
15 house of representatives who shall serve as co-chair; 1 person who shall be appointed by the  
16 minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 person who shall be appointed by the president  
17 of the senate who shall serve as co-chair; 1 person who shall be appointed by the minority leader  
18 of the senate; the secretary of administration and finance or a designee; the chief of the nonprofit  
19 and public charities division of the attorney general's office or a designee; 1 person who shall be  
20 appointed by the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network; 1 person who shall be appointed by the  
21 Associated Grant Makers; and 3 persons who shall be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom  
22 shall be an executive of a non-profit organization with annual revenues of \$5 million or less, 1 of  
23 whom shall be an executive of a non-profit organization with annual revenues of greater than \$5  
24 million and less than \$25 million, and 1 of whom shall be an executive of a non-profit  
25 organization with annual revenues of \$25 million or greater. Each individual appointed to the  
26 commission shall possess experience or expertise with respect to one more of the following  
27 areas: (i) the management and operations of nonprofit organizations; (ii) the management and  
28 operations of state government; (iii) the relationship between nonprofits and state government;  
29 (iv) social innovation, entrepreneurship and enterprise; (v) qualitative and quantitative research  
30 and analysis; or (vi) the management and operation of businesses.

31 (c) The commission shall file its report and recommendations with the clerks of the  
32 senate and house of representatives not later than January 1, 2018.